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What if you could design and build the ultimate racecar? What would you create? Here's your chance to show us your skill – build the Ultimate Racer and you could win a LEGO set worth up to $100!

All entries must be received by September 8th, 2005.

To Enter:

1. Build an ultimate racecar using pieces from your LEGO collection.
2. Take a color photo of your model. (Color photos and high-quality computer print-outs accepted only. No Polaroids, please.)
3. Write an essay of 200 words or less describing your car. (Please print or type.) Be sure to include your name, age, complete mailing address, and daytime phone at the top of your essay.
4. Mail your essay with all the required information and your model photo to:

LEGO Ultimate Racer Building Challenge
P.O. Box 1625
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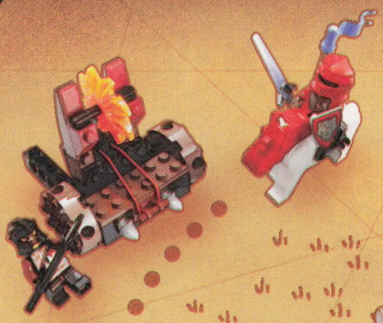
LEGO RACERS

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. One (1) entry per person. All entries must be received by midnight EST September 8th, 2005. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Models must be constructed using only pieces from your LEGO® collection. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc ("Sponsor") and its affiliates and subsidiaries, advertising/promotions agencies and their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged based on originality (50%), creativity (25%), and essay (25%). Five (5) winners will be selected from all eligible entries. Estimated total retail value of each prize: $100.00. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value. The LEGO Company and its affiliates and subsidiaries are not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, mutilated or damaged entries. All entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be returned. By participating in this contest, entrants agree to be bound by the official rules and decisions of the judges.

the Lost Kingdom of Ankoria

Far from the Kingdom of Morcia lies Ankoria, a dark and dangerous land ruled by the evil Lord Vladek. It's up to the Knights of Morcia to capture Vladek's Dark Fortress and save their kingdom!



Fireball Catapult – 8873

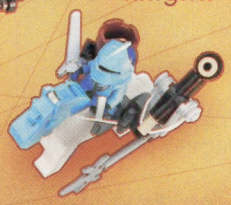
The border of Ankoria is guarded by a legion of powerful fireball-throwing catapults. Fortunately, the knights have mighty Sir Santis to clear the way!

Battle Wagon – 8874

Lord Vladek's armored battle wagons provide transportation for his Shadow Knight army. Can Sir Rascus avoid the wagon's roof-mounted catapult and keep his friends out of its prison cell?

Scorpion Prison Cave – 8876

Sir Danju has been captured by Lord Vladek's Shadow Knights and imprisoned in the dreaded Scorpion Prison Cave. Brave Sir Jayko must get past the giant scorpion guard and save his fellow knight!



Vladek's Dark Fortress – 8877
With a mask of dark magic on its tallest tower, Lord Vladek's gigantic fortress rises high above Ankoria. The knights must get past its traps and fireballs before it's too late! Can they capture the fortress, or will Vladek reign supreme?

King's Siege Tower – 8875
King Mathias leads his army into battle from the top of his royal siege tower. Armed with a sturdy battering ram and bridge, it may be the knights' only hope to capture the Dark Fortress!

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KNIGHTS' KINGDOM
The Kingdom of Morcia: a land of beauty, magic and adventure.
Since Vladek's defeat, Morcia has enjoyed a time of peace and happiness.
But peace rarely lasts long.
He's gone! Vladek the Dark Knight has escaped!
Knights of Morcia, Vladek has returned! He has built a mighty fortress in the Lost Kingdom of Ankoria and created a new army of Shadow Knights.
We've stopped Vladek before, Your Majesty – we'll do it again!
The Heart of the Shield shall grant you new armor, shields and swords. Learn to use them, for this will be your most dangerous quest yet!

"Sir Danju, with this sword and your great wisdom, no foe can defeat you!"

"Sir Santis, your shield and armor will make you stronger than ever before!"

"Sir Rascus, your acrobatic skills have been increased a hundredfold!"

"And brave Sir Jayko, your speed is legendary. Now you will be faster still!"

The Book of Morcia says that in five days' time, Vladek will have the power to conquer Morcia. We have to capture the Dark Fortress before then.
What must we do, King Mathias?
Travel to Ankoria and find the fortress. If you can get inside and lower the drawbridge for my army, we may be victorious.. but it will not be easy.
"Lord Vladek is more powerful than ever. With his magic armor and weapons, he will not be easily defeated."
"Go, my knights! We must capture the fortress and save the kingdom!"
That's a lot of Shadow Knights... and a lot of fire catapults! I sure hope someone has a good plan.
As always, Sir Rascus. And you've got the most important job of all.

Hey, Shadow Knights! Mind if we borrow your battle wagon for a secret mission?
I'll bet you've never seen a Knight of Morcia do THIS before!
This will teach me to open my big mouth!
Hah! A good job of distracting, Sir Rascus!
Let's go, knights! We've got to find the Dark Fortress before it's too late!
I wonder if the greatest danger is what's behind us... or what still lies ahead.
Ha ha ha ha! When my mask of dark magic is complete.. Morcia will be mine!
For more Knights' Kingdom adventures, visit www.LEGO.com/Knights!

Save Big with Scholastic on LEGOLAND Tickets!

Look inside copies of the Scholastic Knights' Kingdom Reader #1 and #2 for a coupon good for $10 off up to six full-price admissions to LEGOLAND California – that's a $60 value. Available now wherever books are sold!

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DINO ATTACK

The city is under attack by mutant dinosaurs! To combat this menace, a team of heroes must assemble an awesome flying vehicle, theT1-Typhoon. But can they do it before it's too late? Challenge a friend and see who can gather the parts needed to build this amazing machine first!

For 2-4 Players

How to Play

1. You will need playing pieces, a six-sided die, and a bunch of LEGO bricks (you can use any pieces from your collection).
2. Roll to see who goes first. Take turns rolling and moving across the board, following the instructions on the spaces.
3. Whoever has collected the most LEGO bricks at the end of the game wins!

Pteranodon attack.
Lose 1 brick
Mutant lizards in the sewers.
Lose 1 turn
Almost ready for take-off.
Advance 1 space.
Tracking T-rex.
Collect 2 bricks.
FINISH
Build twin Sonic Screamers.
Collect 1 brick
Burst of speed!
Advance 1 space
Ambushed by raptors.
Lose 1 brick.
Steel Sprinter to the rescue.
Collect 2 bricks
Trapped by the T-rex!
Lose 2 bricks.
T-rex ahead!
Go back 2 spaces
Escape the mutant lizards.
Collect 1 brick
Mutant lizards ahead!
Lose 1 turn
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Greetings, fellow knights! Morcia is full of castles of many shapes and sizes, but none rivals the giant Dark Fortress that Lord Vladek has built in the Lost Kingdom of Ankoria. It's our quest to capture the fortress, but if we want to find a way inside, we'll need to know all about castles and how they work.
CASTLES
The first castles were more like **wooden forts**. They were built on top of hills with a tall tower in the middle and a high fence all around to prevent enemies from sneaking up on them. **Stone castles** were stronger, but also a lot more work to make. Big rocks were not easy to dig up or carry, and it could take hundreds of people many years to build a stone castle. No wonder Lord Vladek makes his Shadow Knights do all the work for him!

LEGO KNIGHTS KINGDOM

CATAPULTS

Lord Vladek's fortress also has a main tower surrounded by well-defended walls. With all of those Shadow Knights on guard with fireball **catapults** and other traps, we're going to have a hard time getting inside. Worst of all, there's that big mask of dark magic on top of the tower. If we can't get rid of it in time,Morcia may be in big trouble!

MOAT/DRAWBRIDGE

Like many castles, the Dark Fortress is surrounded by a water-filled trench called **a moat**. Its main door has a **drawbridge** that can be swung down over the moat to let friends enter (as if Vladek had any friends!) and to keep enemies out. Our plan is to find a way over the moat so that we can lower the drawbridge for the king. It won't be as easy as it sounds...and it doesn't sound very easy at all!

SIEGE ENGINES

That's why we have to be ready for a siege. **A siege** is when an army surrounds a castle to try to get inside. But, a siege can take a long time, and we don't have time to wait!

Fortunately, because castle walls are so strong, special devices have been created to get over and through them. These machines are called **siege engines**, and it's going to take a lot of them – like the king's royal Siege Tower and battering ram – to beat Vladek this time!

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Now that you know all about castles, it's time to capture the Dark Fortress and save the kingdom!

Knights' Kingdom PRESENTS

LEGO® LEGENDS: CASTLES!

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The Knights of Morcia were not the first heroes in shining armor to battle evil in days of yore. Journey back with me, deep into the age of legend, and behold... the grand and glorious history of LEGO Castle! (Remember, these are sets from LEGO Company's past – so you won't find them in any store!)

1978

375 Castle

Here's where it all began, with the famous "Yellow Castle" in 1978. It was the granddaddy of all constructable castles to come! Hmm... I wonder how Morcia Castle would look in yellow...

1986

6067 Guarded Inn

Hailed by Castle fans as an instant classic, the Guarded Inn of 1986 had it all: a noble steed, courageous guards, a beautiful maide and a cozy place to nap after a long day's jousting.

1988

6054 Forestmen's Hideout

In 1988, we forged deep into the woodland home of the Forestmen. With their bows, arrows, and jaunty feathered caps, these daring outlaws could vanish into the trees without a trace.

1990

6034 Black Monarch's Ghost

Boo! This ghostly fellow used to rule the Black Knights back in 1990. Wonder if I ever met him...the face is hauntingly familiar!

1997

6007 Bat Lord

Things got even spookier in 1997, when the Fright Knights appeared on the scene. With witches, dragons and bat wings a-plenty, these creepy warriors could have given Lord Vladek a run for his money!

2000

6098 King Leo's Castle

Before Knights' Kingdom, there was... Knights' Kingdom?! This 2000 line (no relation!) starred King Leo and his knights as they defended their castle from the nasty Cedric the Bull.

Inside the LEGO® Lab!

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This month, the LEGO Lab returns to the world of BIONICLE, specifically deep inside the fortress of the Dark Hunters. There you'll find Voporak, a monstrous being whose powers come from time itself. Any power used against him ages before it ever hits him (so a rock thrown at him will crumble to dust, for example). He can also cause anyone or anything he touches to age thousands of years in a matter of seconds. Voporak's mission is to find the Mask of Time, wherever it might be – so if you know, you better tell him!

Voporak can be built using pieces from #8755 Keetongu, #8756 Roodaka, and #8761 Sidorak. Look for a special Voporak set exclusively at Target® stores this fall! ■

LEGO Master Builders got an exciting and unusual request for help last spring. The ABC-TV show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* was about to start a big project in Arizona, building a home for two young children and their grandparents. Since the 6-year old boy in the family was a huge fan of LEGO building, would the Master Builders be willing to lend a hand?

The LEGO team snapped into action! All four Enfield, CT-based
three other staffers, traveled to Arizona, bringing with them 1.5 m
a complete LEGO room to be part of the new house. It was a bi
had created something truly unique!

The room included a LEGO desk, lamps, mosaic doors, tissue
picture frames, a "mouse hole," complete with LEGO mouse,
Check out the pictures on the next three pages for a look at

LEGO® Model Builder

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By Greg Farshtey an

Project Fun Facts

- It took 7 people over 415 hours to complete the room.
- Every brick in the Enfield Model Shop was brought to Arizona for this project.
- The LEGO desk features 12,000 pieces, and the floor lamp is 1000 pieces.
- One of the last models built was of the ***Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*** bus. It was built in only 20 minutes using a digital camera photo as inspiration.

Would you like a blow-molded LEGO mini-figure like the ones in the LEGO room? Check out the "Build Your LEGO Room" contest on page 22 and you might win one of your own!

**We spoke with LEG
Builder Dan Steinin
out what it was li
Ultimate LEGO Bed**

Q. What was your fa
Extreme Makeover

A. I guess my favo
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"The young LEGO fan was thrilled with his new bedroom."

Master Builders, plus
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box, toothbrush holder, treasure box,
low-molded mini-figures, and much more
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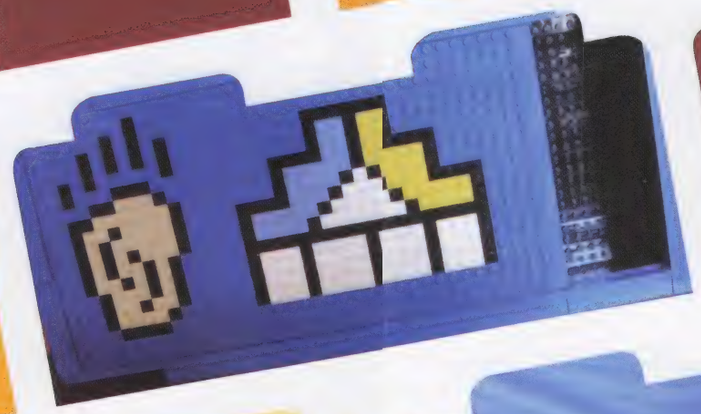

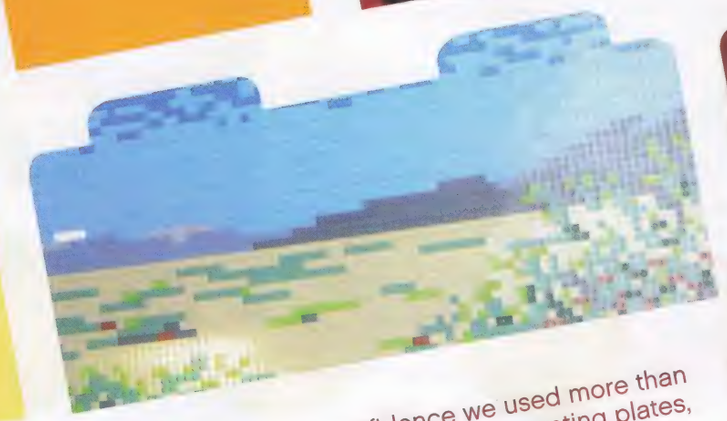

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Home Edition event?

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e team. We really enjoyed each others' company! [We had] seven people in a tent, wind was howling and blowing dirt everywhere, a short time frame and some long, long days. We had way too much fun!

Q. How many LEGO Bricks did you use in the bedroom?

A. I think I can say with confidence we used more than 3. Wait, are we counting plates, too? If that's the case I would think we used tens of thousands.

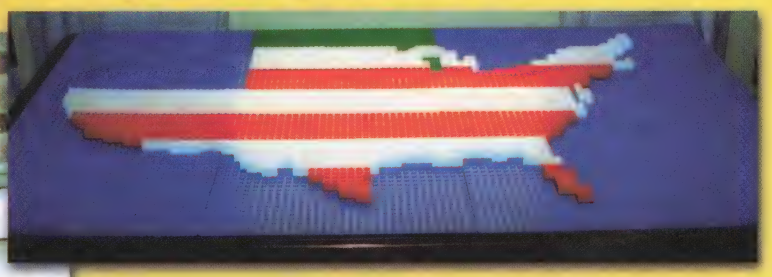
Q. What part of the build are you most proud of?

A. [Master Model Builder] Steve Gerling's treasure box with the Hopi and Navajo symbols on them. Steve met with a group of Native Americans and withtheir input created a very special piece.

Q. If you could build your own LEGO room, what would it look like?

A. It would look like the inside of a rainbow, and it would have to be very big because I would invite all my friends to come and play. ■

Cool Creations



Check out the official LEGO versions of the winning LEGO Factory contest models at www.LEGOFactory.com! Plus find out how you could design a LEGO model sold around the world!

Got an awesome model of your own you would like to see in Cool Creations? Then send your photos to:

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Enfield, CT 06083-1308

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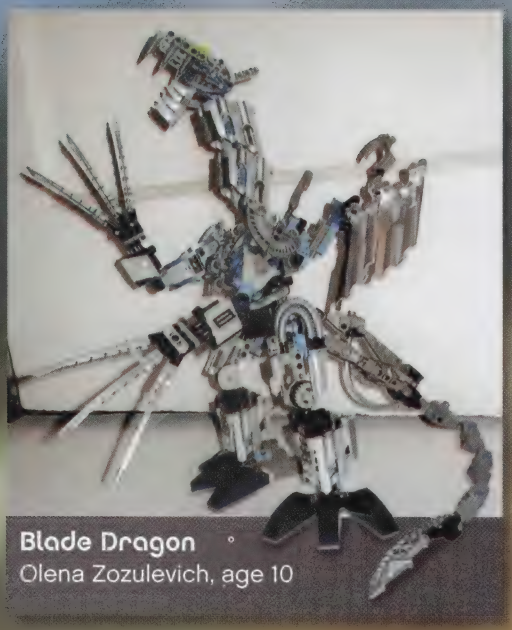
Monster Maker Building Challenge Winners!



Blade Dragon
Olena Zozulevich, age 10

Winged Wolf of the Moorlands
Adrick D. Tench, age 9

Correction
One LEGO Star Wars Video Game Contest winner was incorrectly identified in a previous issue. Correct name is Mark O'Grady.

Giant Salamander
Camrin Gutierrez, age 10

Pomano
Sam Wormuth, age 11

The Garahk
Andrew Evans, age 12

Check out more...

completely creative LEGO models online at www.LEGOclub.com

Remember to include your name, age, address and the name of your model. No Polaroids please! Pictures will not be returned, so take an extra photo for yourself!

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LEGO LAB R.A.T.S

BIONICLE

We asked our LEGO Lab R.A.T.S. team to build, rebuild and review the new BIONICLE Visorak! Here is some of what they had to say about the villainous spider creatures of Metru Nui:

"The pieces fit together very well. After I was done testing, I took it apart and rebuilt it as a scorpion-like creature. I would give it a 10 out of 10."
– Christopher Pocs, CA

"My favorite parts are the spinners, which are fun to launch and have a neat storage place on top of the canister. I also liked how you push down on the body to makethe jaws close. I also tried building other creations with the parts. My favorite wasa monster that stood on its hind legsand used the jaws as claws."
– Kevin Schwenk, PA

"The spinner is great! The disks can fly high and fast if you pull the cord quickly. Once, the disk I shot was spinning so fast I couldn't even catch it (and I play baseball). The farthest my disk went was 3-4 of the way across my house."
– Kieran Baack, CA

Enter the "Build Your LEGO Room" Contest!

Ever wish you could have your own LEGO room, like the boy on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*? What would it look like? What would be in it? Build a model of what you think the perfect LEGO room would look like and you could win!

Grand Prize
A LEGO oversized minifigure like the ones shown on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, plus a LEGO set of your choice worth up to $100!

Two First Prizes
A LEGO set of your choice worth up to $100!

Entries must be received by September 2nd, 2005!

How to Enter

1. Build a model of what you think your LEGO room would look like using pieces from your LEGO collection.
2. Take a color photo of your model. (Color photos and high-quality computer print outs accepted only. No Polaroids, please.)
3. Write a 100 word essay on what you would most like to have in your own LEGO room.
4. Send your photo and essay, along with your name, age, complete mailing address and daytime phone to:

Build Your LEGO Room Contest
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See www.LEGO.com for official rules.

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LEGO 50th ANNIVERSARY SYSTEM OF PLAY

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Enter the LEGO DINO ATTACK Building Challenge!

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Dinosaurs are on the rampage, and it's up to you to stop them! Build a land, air or sea vehicle that can defeat a dino and you could win a LEGO set worth up to **$100!**

All entries must be received by September 8th, 2005. *Open to Brickmasters only.*

To Enter:

1. Using pieces from your LEGO collection, build a model of a land, air or sea vehicle that could help stop the Dino Attack.
2. Take a color photo of your model. (Color photos and a high-quality computer print-outs accepted only. No Polaroids, please.)
3. Write an essay of 200 words or less telling us the name of your vehicle and how it could defeat a dinosaur. (Please print or type.) Be sure to include your name, age, complete mailing address, and daytime phone at the top of your essay.
4. Mail your essay with all the required information and your model photo to:

LEGO Dino Attack Building Challenge
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LEGO DINO ATTACK

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ZIVON BUILDING STEPS

The monstrous Zivon aids the Visorak in their conquests, but even the spider creatures fear its approach! In addition to its massive strength and wickedly sharp tail, this creature from the zone of darkness has four Rhotuka spinners that can temporarily blind, deafen, make mute an opponent or rob a foe of his sense of touch.

BIONICLE

Build the Zivon using parts from #8743 Boggarak, #8744 Oohnorak, #8745 Roporak, #8746 Keelerak, #8747 Suukorak and #8742 Vohtarak.

Zivon

Build the Future, Brick by Brick!

Enter the LEGO® Brick to the Future: 2055 Building Challege!

LEGO BRICK TO THE FUTURE: 2055 NATIONAL BUILDING CHALLENGE

50 years ago, Town Plan, the first LEGO® play theme, was launched. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the LEGO System of Play, the LEGO Group is partnering with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to challenge you to build your vision of a town center 50 years from now, in the year 2055!

Fast forward 50 years and imagine: are the older buildings in your town still standing and why are they important? If buildings were renovated or changed over the years, what do the changes look like and why were they made? And, if you're breaking ground on new construction, what do the buildings of the future look like?

Create one building, a small cityscape or a replica of your town – history is in your hands as you design and build the future brick by brick!

LEGO 50th ANNIVERSARY SYSTEM OF PLAY

1 Grand Prize winner receives:

- "Official LEGO Preservation Architect" designation
- $5,000 Scholarship (awarded as a check)
- Two 2005 LEGO product collections – one to keep and one to donate to charity

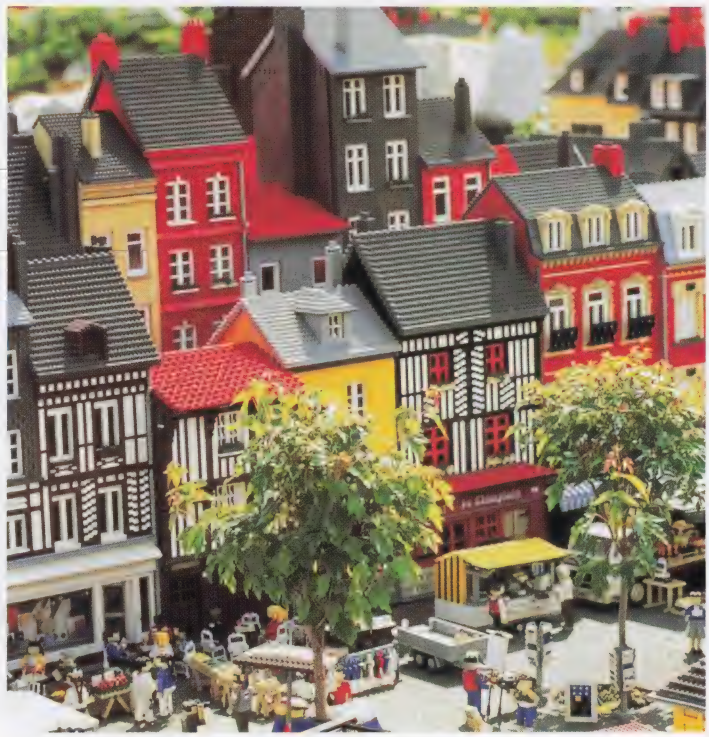
5 Finalists win:

- 3-day/2-night trip for four to LEGOLAND® California to participate in the Championship Build-Off
- $200 spending money for Finalist

40 Semi-Finalists win:

- $25 Gift Card for LEGO Shop-at-Home and/or LEGO Web Shop.

How to Enter: Build a LEGO model of what you imagine your town center will look like 50 years from now, in the year 2055. (Models must be built using only LEGO bricks and elements. Models using non-LEGO pieces will be disqualified). Take a photo of your model, complete and submit an entry form (details found online at www.LEGO50th.com) and include a brief description (50 words for fewer) describing your submitted model. Be sure to visit www.LEGO50th.com for complete contest details and requirements before submitting your entry. Open only to residents of the 50 United States, D.C. and Canada (excluding Quebec) who are 5 through 14 years of age as of 6/23/05. Void in Quebec and where prohibited. Entries must be received by 9/16/05.



50 years of building fun!

50 years ago, the LEGO® System of Play was born with a collection of 28 sets and 8 vehicles making up "Town Plan", a small village designed to teach children the rules of the road!

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a group that preserves historic sites and re-builds communities, designated LEGO Town Plan "historic", recognizing its unique design and the history of creative inspiration LEGO building has provided to today's architects, innovators, creative leaders and preservationists. National Trust sites include Montpelier, the Virginia home of US Constitution father, James Madison, and architect Frank Lloyd Wright's home.

Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen (center-left), current LEGO Group owner, was 8 years old when Town Plan launched. Today, the LEGO System of Play includes 3,500 elements in 75 different colors, more than 100 themes and hundreds of unique minifigures, creating endless building possibilities for all ages.

For more information on the 50th Anniversary of the LEGO System of Play, visit www.LEGO50th.com. To learn more about the National Trust for Historic Preservation, visit www.nationaltrust.org.

LEGO Group's Karsten Kristensen (below-left) accepts special recognition of LEGO Town Plan as an historic site from Richard Moe, president of the National Trust.

LEGO Model Designers re-created 2005 versions of some of the buildings in the original Town Plan sets using LEGO Factory, a new program where you design custom LEGO creations virtually, buy them, and build them in the real world. Visit www.LEGOfactory.com in August to create and buy your own LEGO models!

HISTORY IN YOUR HANDS!

NATIONAL TRUST for Historic Preservation™

The National Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates and preserves historic architecture and design. Some popular architectural styles include:

Take a look around your town and see if you can find different architectural styles. Better yet, try to recreate historic architecture with your LEGO collection. Here are a few tips from the LEGO Master Builders:

LEGO Master Builder Erik Varszegi says, "To recreate the Prairie style, build low, horizontal buildings using LEGO plates for the roofs, staggering plates to create overhangs. For Neoclassical style, stack 2x2 bricks to create columns or use what we call "headlight" bricks and 1x1 round plates to add trim detail.

This Town Hall model, designed virtually by a fan in LEGO Factory, illustrates Neoclassical style.

A LEGO version of the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut, a great example of Queen Anne Style.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House, a National Trust Historic Site on the University of Chicago campus, an example of his Prairie style.

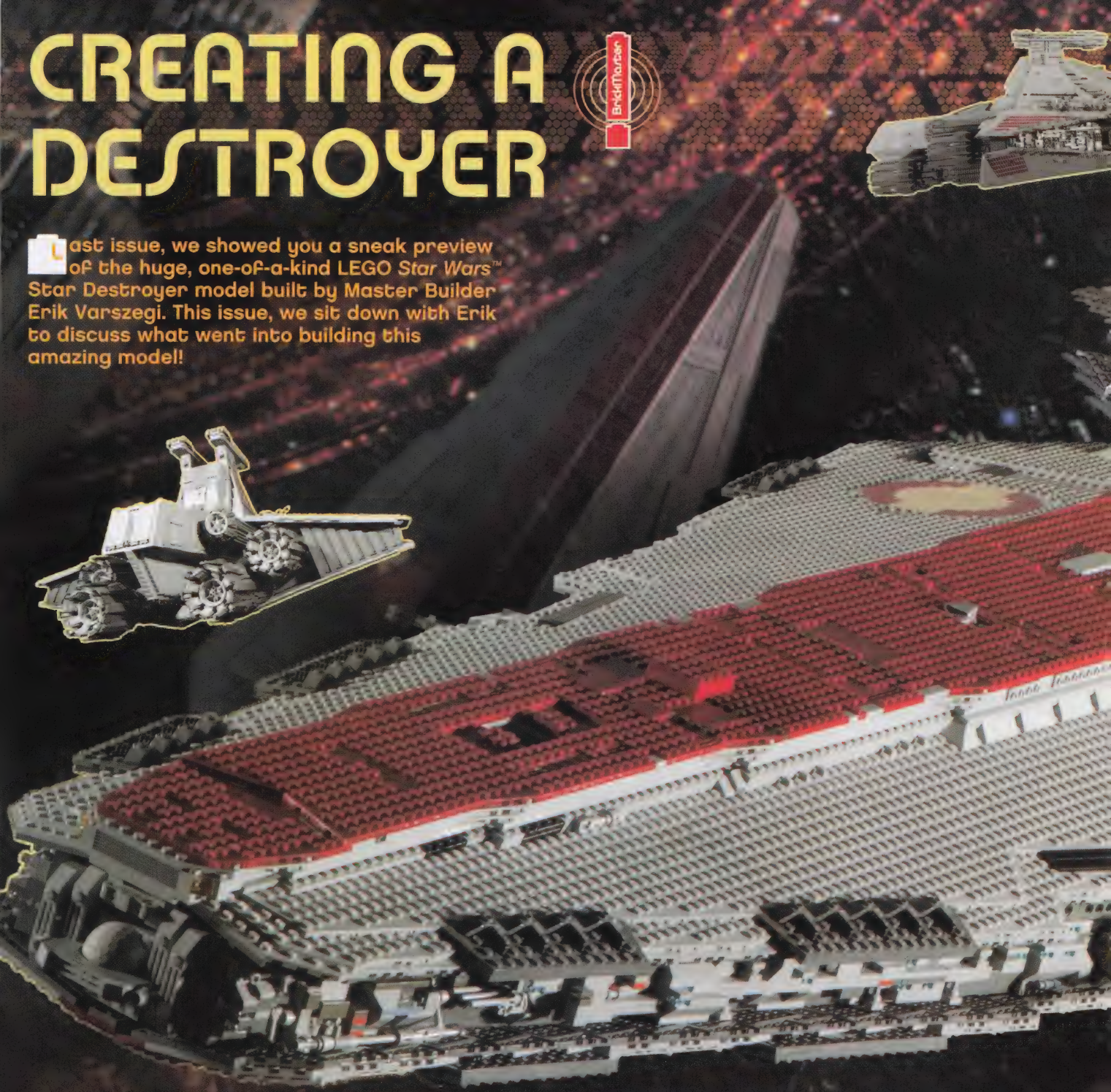
Neoclassical Style: 1785-1815
Introduced by Thomas Jefferson and became popular for public buildings like banks, courthouses and churches. The White House is the most famous example of Neoclassical style!
Features: lots of columns, symmetrical design, masonry exteriors with marble accents and details
Most commonly found: Northeast US

Queen Anne Style: 1880-1900
Emerged in England, combining classical ornament with medieval form.
Features: turrets, towers, gables and bays; brick or stone first floors, stucco or shingles on upper floors, huge chimneys, overhangs, porches and balconies
Most commonly found: most major cities, including Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco

Prairie Style: 1900-1920
Developed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright to reflect the Midwest Prairie landscape.
Features: horizontal appearance, low-pitched roofs with overhanging eaves, open interior floor plans, walls of light-colored brick, stucco or wood, stained glass windows
Most commonly found: Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin

CREATING A DESTROYER

Last issue, we showed you a sneak preview of the huge, one-of-a-kind LEGO *Star Wars*™ Star Destroyer model built by Master Builder Erik Varszegi. This issue, we sit down with Erik to discuss what went into building this amazing model!



MODEL FAST STATS

SCALE: 1:466
LENGTH: 8 feet
WIDTH: 4 feet
WEIGHT: approx. 150 lbs.
 # OF LEGO ELEMENTS: approx. 35,000

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Q: How did you decide to build this particular *Star Wars* ship?
A: We were hosting the Imperial Star Destroyer Building Competition at ***Star Wars*** Celebration III in April, and we thought having both the ship from the original trilogy and the new Star Destroyer from the prequel at our booth would bookend the series nicely.

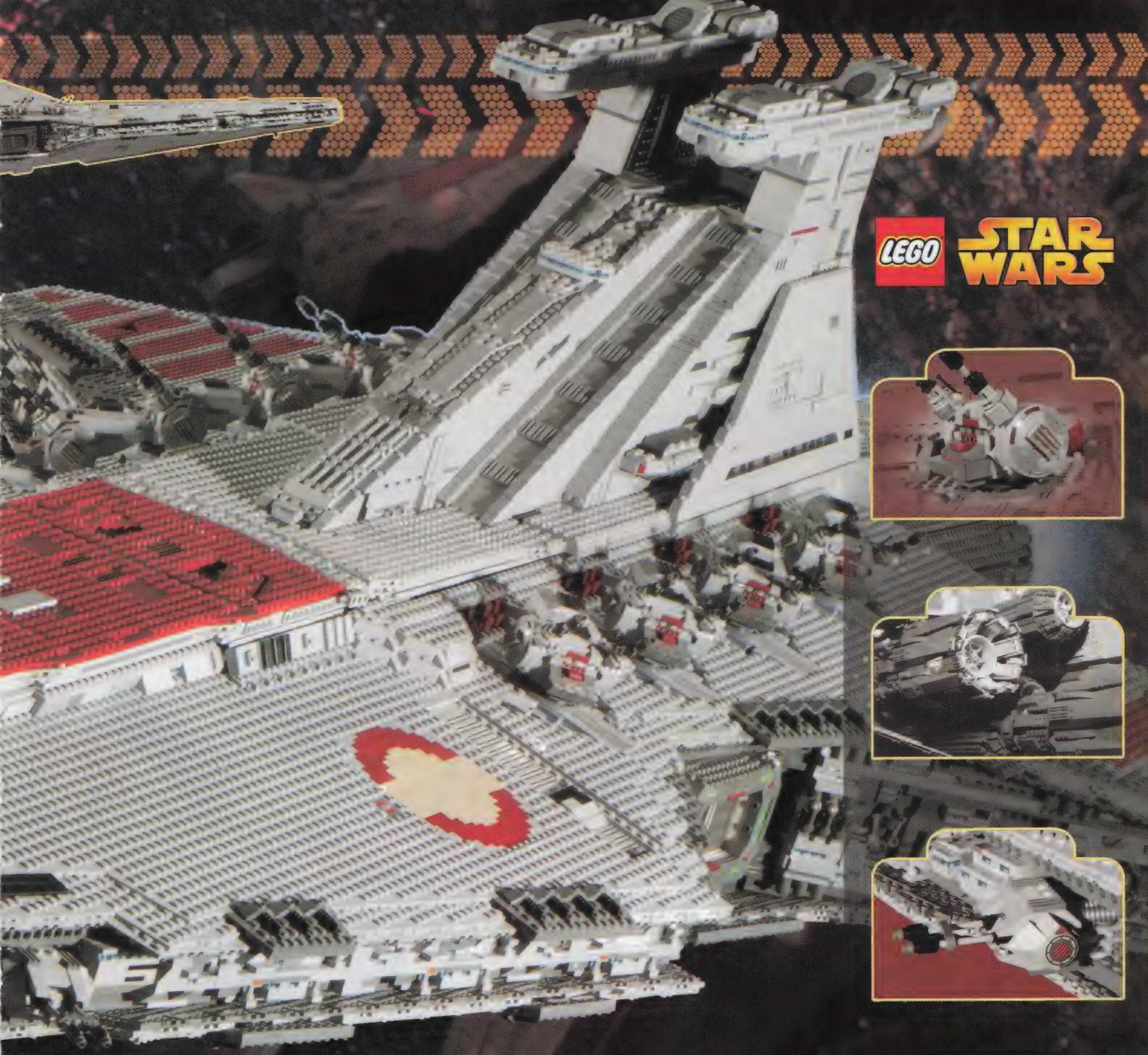
Q: What references did you use to create the *Venator*-class Star Destroyer?

A: Lucasfilm gave us tons of pictures and the 3D model developed for the film. I plugged the 3D file into a program we use here in the model shop to help get the proportions right. But the ship has so many interesting angles and features that I decided to make it a freestyle build, hunting around for the best combination of LEGO pieces to make the engines, turbo lasers, etc.

Q: How long did it take to finish the model?

A: It took me and my assistant a little over a month to design and build the actual model. Dave Gold, our technical designer, came up with an ingenious design for a metal stand to display the ship. We also worked out a way for the model to be hung on cables and suspended from the ceiling.

Q: Did you use any unusual LEGO pieces, or standard pieces in unusual ways?
A: I thought it would be fun to include a lot of printed pieces



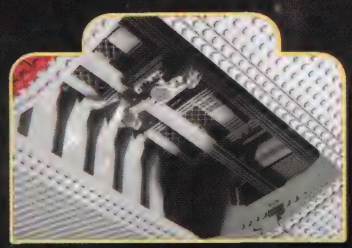
from ***Star Wars*** LEGO sets, and so they're all over the surface of the model. If you look hard enough, you can find Boba Fett's legs and Darth Maul and Darth Vader's heads built into the "greebles" on the side of the ship.

Q: Was it hard to build the model without any instructions?
A: Believe it or not, it all went pretty much as planned. I used the classic LEGO Star Destroyer set as my inspiration, building the model as a simple framework covered by panels that make up the surface details.

Q: Did you hide any secrets inside the model?
A: [***Star Wars*** creator and director] George Lucas puts the number 1138 into a lot of his movies in an homage to his first film, THX-1138. Whenever I build a ***Star Wars*** model, I try to work the numbers in there too. They're hidden somewhere on the conning tower of the Destroyer. I also like to build secret scenes into a lot of my models. There are little personal jokes in there if you know where to look.

Q: How do you feel about the finished model?
A: It was definitely one of the more interesting and challenging things I've worked on over the years... but I was getting sick of looking at it after having it sit on my desk for a whole month! I actually had to pull an all-nighter to get it done in time for Celebration III. It was worth it, though, and the Star Destroyer was very well received.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so check out these photos of Erik's model. We'd tell him, "May the Force be with you," but with building skills like these, it looks like it already is!



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LEGO® Hot Rod Building

Advice from *Monster Garage*.

by Jeff James

The LEGO® Magazine caught up with custom-motorcycle builder Jesse James – star of the Discovery Channel's *Monster Garage* TV program – to ask a few questions about building cool cars and motorcycles with LEGO bricks.

Q. What sort of toys did you play with when you were a kid?

A. My parents where antique dealers so I had a lot of old Marx tin toys.....and a bunch of LEGO® bricks.

Q. What advice would you give to a kid who wants to build the coolest LEGO hot rod he can?

A. Don't be afraid to build stuff that's not in the pictures. Build what's in your head.

Q. Do you prefer to work on custom cars or custom bikes?

A. Bikes!

Q. What advice would give kids who want to make their own real hot rods or motorcycles someday?

A. The only way to find out if you can do it or not is to try!

Q. What was your favorite project on *Monster Garage*, and why?

A. I think the Flying car! Because not one person thought I could do it.....but I knew it might work!

Q. If you could design your own LEGO set, what would you want to make?

A. When I was a kid I was obsessed with LEGO bricks. I would lay on the floor for hours and build stuff. I didn't know that I would apply what I learned playing with LEGO bricks to what I do now. So I think we should make sets that encourage kids to use LEGO bricks to build skills that will carry them later in life. Like a hot rod shop set where you can build your own rod, or a chopper set, or a low-rider set. Instead of giving clear cut instructions on how to do it, we should have people use their imagination and creativity to come up with stuff on their own!

Q. How about jumps? Did you ever send a LEGO motorcycle over any ramps?

A. No. It was too small for me to ride!

Q. Would you consider a LEGO building challenge against either a kid LEGO Maniac or a LEGO Designer/ Master Model Builder?

A. Lets make a real chopper out of LEGO bricks! I know I can do it! I'll ride it!

Q. Do you think playing with LEGO bricks fuelled your interest in tinkering in the monster garage to create custom choppers?

A. If it wasn't for LEGO bricks there would be no *Monster Garage*. ■

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> - Jesse James

BUILD AND RIDE YOUR OWN LEGO CHOPPER

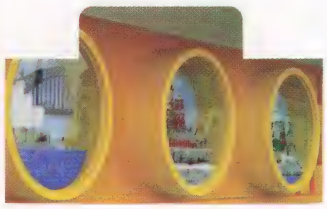
LEGO Model Makers Build the World!

by Allison Lassieur

Well, a few world cities, anyway! LEGO Magazine recently went to the LEGO Imagination Center in Orlando, Florida, to check out six new cityscapes made entirely from LEGO bricks.

The newly remodeled LEGO store features big, round portholes on each side of the building. Inside each one is a cityscape made entirely out of LEGO bricks. Look closer, and you'll find some cool surprises in each scene.

"We built six city scenes," said Jeffrey Fields, LEGO Creative Design Director. "The LEGO experience is usually all about fantasy building, but we wanted to do something that's based in reality. So we decided to build realistic-looking city scenes." They picked six of the world's most famous cities to build:



London, England; Sydney, Australia, Paris, France; Moscow, Russia; Hong Kong, China; and New York, New York.

Each porthole is four feet around and 12 inches deep, and combine LEGO system bricks, DUPLO, and more. But the city scenes aren't just pretty LEGO models.

Whenever someone walks toward a porthole, motion-activated sensors start playing (except in New York, where traffic starts blaring) and elements in each scene begin to move. In Paris, a LEGO elevator rises up and down in the Eiffel Tower. In New York, LEGO cars zip through the streets. In Red Square in Moscow, tiny LEGO ice skaters move on a frozen LEGO rink. At night, every scene lights up.

Check out these exciting city models at the LEGO Imagination Center in Orlando, FL! And for more amazing info on how they were designed and built, go to www.LEGO.com.

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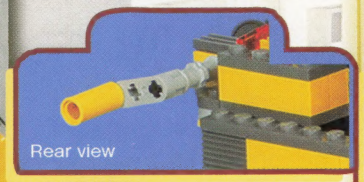
I use this hook to pick up heavy loads and move them around and up and down. The hook alone can weigh up to 4 tons (that's as much as an elephant!) to help lift those heavy loads and to stop the chain from getting tangled.

The most important part of the crane that helps reach the top of the tallest building and lift the heaviest loads is called a "boom". Funny, because that's the sound you hear if it drops something! The XXL Mobile Crane's boom can be raised and lowered just like the real thing.

The winch can be operated to raise and lower whatever is on the hook.



Rear view

No, the crane hasn't grown insect legs! These are outriggers, used to keep the crane from tipping over when it has a heavy load. I make sure they are extended before I go to work.

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